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FOR SORENSON FROM DALLEY

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TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION

REFS: A) GENEVA 12627; B) GENEVA 12618; C) GENEVA 12637

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ZIONISM-RACISM. IT IS A MORE REASONABLE DOCUMENT THAN WE

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3. RE THE ARAB DRAFT RESOLUTIONS: THESE ARE CAREFULLY DRAFTED TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE AFRICANS AND WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO OPPOSE BECAUSE OF THE CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONSHIP. AT THE SAME TIME RESOLUTION B DESCRIBES THE ISRAELIS AS RACISTS WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY REAFFIRMING THE Z/R LINKAGE. OUR FRIENDS SHOULD BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT AS TO OUR OPPOSITION TO THE ARAB DRAFTS AND THE FACT THAT PART "B" DRIFTS PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO THE LINE OF REAFFIRMATION OF THE ZIONISM IS RACISM DEFINITION.

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